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The Secretary of the Interior has supervision of so many important subjects that his report is of especial value and interest. On the 30th day of June 1893, there were on the pension roll, 966,012 names, an increase of 89,941 over the number on the rolls June 30, 1892. Of these there were seven hundred and eighty-two thousand and six widows and daughters of soldiers; eighty six survivors of the war of 1812; 5,425 widows of soldiers of that war; 21,518 survivors and widows of the Mexican War; 3,882 survivors and widows of Indian wars; 284 army nurses, and 475,645 survivors and wid-

This vast area of land which but a few years ago constituted the public domain has been divided into private hands. It is certain that in the transfer the beneficent intention of the government to supply from its domain homes to the industrious and worthy has been completely frustrated. Although the speculator who deals with exorbitant purpose between the land office and those who, with their families, are invited by the government to settle on the public lands is a despicable character, he is not to be tolerated, yet it is difficult to thwart his schemes. The recent opening to settlement of the lands in the great outlet, embracing an area of 6,500,000 acres, has witnessed the utmost care in framing the laws governing the selection of locations, and notwithstanding the presence of the United States troops furnished an exhibition of the most flagrant and violent degree of the most flagrant and violent and the fraudulent occupation which have accompanied previous openings of public land. I concur with you in the opinion that these outrageous incidents cannot be prevented without a change in the laws on the subject, and I hope his re-

not spare any effort to make this part of his work thoroughly useful. In the year 1889 the Congress appropriated \$100,000 for the Agricultural Office, for the purpose of collecting and distributing rare and improved varieties of seeds and for the prosecution of agricultural investigations and the gathering of agricultural statistics. From this sum, retaining the five per cent. the Department of Agriculture has grown to its present unwieldy and unjustifiable extravagant proportions. During the last fiscal year the cost of the office was \$125,000. The remainder of an appropriation of \$125,000 was expended in putting them up and distributing them. It surely never could have entered the minds of those who have sanctioned appropriations of public money for the purpose of collecting and improved varieties of seed for gratuitous distribution that from this would grow large appropriations for the purchase and distribution by members of the State Agricultural Societies of seedlings which are common in all the State and territories and everywhere easily obtainable at low prices. In each State and territory and agricultural experiment station, the character of the

After a hard struggle tariff reform is directly before us. Nothing so important claims our attention and nothing so clearly presents itself as both an opportunity and a duty, an opportunity to deserve the gratitude of our fellow-citizens and a duty imposed upon us by our obligations to the people, to the Government and to the future of the Republic. The political mandate of the people. After full discussion our countrymen have spoken in favor of this reform, and they have confided the work of its accomplishment to the hands of those who are solemnly pledged to it. If there is anything in the theory of a representation by interests, if there is any sense in the desires, if public officers are really the servants of the people, and if political promises and professions have any binding force, our failure to give the relief so long awaited will be sheer recreancy. Nothing should intervene to distract our attention or disturb effort until this relief is secured by law and by legislative legislation. While we should staunchly adhere to the principle that only the necessity of revenue justifies the imposition of tariff duties and other Federal taxation, and that they should be limited by strict economy, we cannot close our eyes to the fact that conditions have

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